

Ethiopians attracted Huge Rally in San Francisco

Release all political prisoners in Ethiopia!!!

On Friday March 2, 2007, concerned Ethiopian residing in the greater San Francisco Bay Area staged a peaceful and color demonstration in front of the U.S. Federal office Building and Court House in the Heart of San Francisco where the local office of the Speaker of the House of USA, Honorable Nancy Pelosi is located.

The demonstrators who traveled more than 2 hours, as far as from Merced, Stockton, Mountain Home, San Jose, El Soberate, Oakland, and San Francisco carrying the tri-color Ethiopian flag shouted: Release All Political Prisoners in Ethiopia, Meles is a murderer, U.S. stop supporting tyranny, Mr. Bush where is your promise, When America gives its word, it keeps its word, say No to a dictator, say No to Meles the butcher, free Hailu Shawel, free Prof. Mesfin, free Dr. Berhanu, free Dr. Yacob, free Brutakn, free teachers, journalist, students and other innocent citizens and urged the United States government and peace-loving people to help stop the reign of terror in Ethiopia while condemning the sham Woyane trial in Ethiopia and demanding to bring the killers of innocent citizens to account for their crimes committed in the last 15 years, in particular in June and November 20056.

As the Ethiopian demonstrators drowned the plaza with their bull horn and the nosy got louder, office workers and passers by stopped to watch the rally and read flyers handed to them.

At noon the Ethiopian rally attracted hundreds of immigrants from Afro-Caribbean and South American counties who ran from similar dictatorship and political oppressions in their native lands. The immigrants joined the Ethiopian contingent in demanding President Bush to full-fill his promises where he said, "All who live in tyranny and hopelessness can know that the U.S. will not ignore your oppression, or excuse your oppressors. When you stand for your liberty, we will stand with you." The demonstrators shouted: "Where are you Mr. President? Stop the brutality! Why are you supporting the cold blood murder Meles? No to double standard and no to human-rights abuse.

Speakers from the Afro-Caribbean and South American immigrant communities addressed the gathering in Spanish about the mayhem and political oppression taking place in Ethiopia by the U.S. client minority ethnic regime. The solidarity given to the Ethiopian demonstrators by immigrant communities from around the world was moral boost. The bright sunny day and warm weather drew more people to the plaza to watch the colorful demonstration. Hundreds of flyers highlighting the plight of political prisoners, vote fraud, and the murder of peaceful demonstrators by the Woyane regime were distributed to the public. As the rally in front of the Federal Office Building came to close, two representatives of the Ethiopian community went to the district office of House Speaker, Honorable Nancy Pelosi and handed a petition and supporting documents listing the number of Ethiopians detained, tortured, murdered, and disappeared. The staff of Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi assured the Ethiopian representatives that the documents would be delivered to her Washington office.

Following the rally in front of the Federal Office, Ethiopians walked three blocks away to the San Francisco City Hall and staged similar demonstration where they attracted many paying attention to the demonstrators and receiving the flyers handed out.

The organizers of the rally thank those Ethiopians who traveled from far and near to show their

solidarity with the prisoners of conscious and with their fellow country men and women who face the brutality and ruthlessness of the Woyane regime and its Gestapo, the Special Forces **Agazi** killers, ordered by the self-imposed ,ruthless dictator to murder innocent citizens.

The demonstration, which lasted more than 4 hours in the heart of the great city of San Francisco, concluded peacefully and successfully as planned, calling upon all peace-loving people of the world to be part of the solution for the crisis in Ethiopia.

Concerned Ethiopians
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